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Addendum

Programme questions: proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005

(Item 4 (a))

Section 30
Internal oversight

1. At its 21st meeting, on 24 June 2003, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered section 30, Internal oversight, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 (A/58/6 (Sect. 30)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced section 30 and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the budget section.

Discussion

3. Satisfaction was expressed for the work of the programme, and the introduction of the results-based budgeting format for executive direction and management was welcomed.

4. The need for more analysis on marginal outputs in accordance with the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation was stressed. It was pointed out that internal oversight should lead by example and that a reduction of 4 out of 70 outputs was not considered sufficient.

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5. Questions were raised on the value of triennial reviews, the status of the thematic evaluations, and the status of self-evaluation by programme managers.

6. Concern was expressed about the fact that management consulting falls under the purview of an oversight body and a question was raised as to whether any safeguards against conflict of interest in that regard had been implemented.

Conclusions and recommendations

7. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the program narrative of section 30, Internal oversight, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005, subject to the modifications set out below.**

Table 30.8

In indicator of achievement (a), after "non-compliance" add "by programme managers".

In expected accomplishment (b), after "the Organization" add "and increased efficiency".

In indicator of achievement (b), replace "recommendations calling for formal" with "on".

Indicator of achievement (c) should become (c) (i) and add a new indicator to read: "(c) (ii) The level of recovery of erroneous or unauthorized expenditures", and add under corresponding *Performance measures* "To be determined".

In indicator of achievement (d), delete "and assignments".

Table 30.10

At the end of expected accomplishment (a), add "in accordance with the mandates".

Table 30.12

Add a new indicator of achievement to read: "(iii) Number of cases resolved" and "*Performance measures*: To be determined".

Annex, para. 28.22 (a) (ii) b, Reason for discontinuation

After "of the Organization", add "included in the medium-term plan and to enhance support for self-evaluation by other departments and offices".